

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I see no reason for this piece of legislation, 902A. The City of Omaha by contract can pay to the Tax Commissioner those charges which rightfully accrue for the collection of it. For us to say that we are going to provide to the state a profit, I don't understand Senator Goodrich's motives for arriving at a profit. I suppose that he thinks it will make this bill more saleable by suddenly saying the General Fund is going to reap a bonanza. I suggest that we kill 902A and allow the Tax Commissioner to charge to the City of Omaha those charges necessary for the auditing and for the process of the collections and for the mailing fees. That is a contract between the metropolitan city of Omaha, that great Home Rule Charter city and the State of Nebraska, both of them being sovereign. I suggest that this bill not go beyond this discussion to much longer.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you have my motion?

SENATOR MARVEL: Do you want to read your motion now?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR MARVEL: Okay.

CLERK: Read Chambers motion.

SENATOR MARVEL: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, since everybody seems to agree, who has spoken, that this bill is unnecessary, I think that it ought to be killed, and if it is a basis for shenanigans in either direction, I don't think that that in itself is enough to justify its continued existence. But, on the fiscal note Senator Duis called some things to my attention, on the front side where the fiscal staff is looking at it, they arrive at a figure of \$10,000 for one year and \$25,000....I mean \$25,000 for the first year and \$10,000 for the second year. On the back side of the fiscal note from the...I have to say from the other side there is a first year projection of additional expenditures of \$90,000 for the first year and \$101,000 for the second year. I asked Senator Warner what would happen if the figures of the Revenue Department happen to be correct but only \$35,000 under this bill would be appropriated all together. He said they would have to eat the difference, and I imagine that is what would have to happen. If you are going to impose a duty on a state agency and then withhold some of the money and they must carry out that duty, the duty is going to have to be discharged in some fashion. There seems to be quite a bit of dispute or difference in opinion between \$35,000 and roughly \$200,000. I'm not going to try to resolve the dispute on this issue, just like efforts that I tried to put forth to get other issues on 902 resolved were pointless and futile. I do believe that no longer is the legislature discussing the inequity of imposing this additional tax on the citizens of Omaha but the political maneuvering which has now crept into the picture and changed this entire discussion into one of conflict or confrontation between the Governor and the Legislature. Since I live in Omaha and I am aware of the serious problems that the people have there, those who were